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VIA FACSIMILE (202-565-9002)

Mr. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
Mercury Building
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423

RE: STB Docket No. AB-254 (Sub-No. 7X)
Providence and Worcester Railroad Company ("P&W") - Abandonment
Exemption in Southbridge, Webster and Dudley, Massachusetts,
Thompson, Connecticut ("Southbridge Running Track" or "SRT")

Dear Secretary Williams:

Please be advised that P&W has been working with the State of Connecticut regarding its interest in requesting a Public Use Condition and Interim Trail Use Condition rather than an outright abandonment of approximately 3.4 miles of the SRT in Thompson, Connecticut. Today, November 4, 2004 is the deadline for making such requests.

While we expect the State of Connecticut to be requesting an extension of time to file such requests, P&W would like to request an extension of time until November 30, 2004 in the event that the State does not timely file their request for an extension today.

Thank you for your consideration.

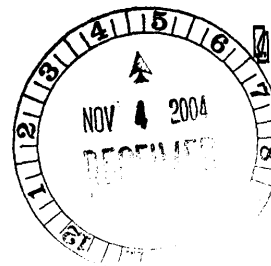
Respectfully yours,

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